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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

DE 39 25 714 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose a quickly detachable drum brake for a bicycle.

DE 31 13 439 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,405,180 for bicycles with a quick-operation for attaching hub axis.

DE 195 36 157 and the English abstract attached thereto disclose a known drum brake.

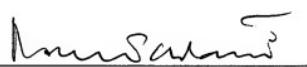
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